

**EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE CITY MANAGER EXTENDING THE
DECLARATION OF A CITY-WIDE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and causes symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-52 in which the Governor declared a State of Emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the City of Sarasota declared a City-wide Public Health Emergency pursuant to Chapter 13 of the Sarasota City Code with said declaration being extended by the City Manager for additional periods of seven (7) days each effective March 20, March 27 and April 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued the 15 Days to Slow the Spread Guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures, such as avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people and recommending restrictions to certain establishments conducive to mass gatherings and congregations; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020 the President extended such guidance to be in effect until at least April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the President updated the guidance, renaming it “30 Days to Slow the Spread”, and along with the White House Coronavirus Task Force urged Americans to continue to adhere to the guidelines and expand community mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-68 in which the Governor, among other things, directed parties accessing public beaches in the State of Florida to follow the CDC guidance by limiting their gatherings to no more than 10 persons and distancing themselves from other parties by six feet and directed restaurants (which, at that time, were still open for eating in) to follow the CDC guidance by ensuring a minimum six-foot distance between any group of patrons and limiting parties to no more than 10 individuals; and

WHEREAS, mitigating the effects of COVID-19 and protecting the health of its citizens and visitors is a high priority of the City of Sarasota; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has the propensity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time, thus causing property damage and continuing the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 20-83 directing the Surgeon General and State Health Officer, among other things, to issue a public health advisory against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more persons; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 20-89 which states that it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors remain safe and secure and therefore restricted public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe counties; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Orders 20-91 and 20-92 which remain in effect through at least April 30, 2020 and which provide that senior citizens and individuals with significant underlying medical conditions shall stay at home and all other persons shall limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 20-91, the Governor found that positive tests for COVID-19 have been concentrated in urban cores; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the direction from the Governor set forth in Executive Orders 20-68, 20-83, 20-89, 20-91 and 20-92 as well as pursuant to the authority set forth in Chapter 13 Sarasota City Code, and consistent with the City-wide declaration of a Public Health Emergency, the City Manager, on April 10, 2020 extended the City-wide declaration of a Public Health Emergency for an additional period of seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, this Emergency Order is issued pursuant to the home rule powers and police powers of the City of Sarasota and pursuant to the emergency powers of the City of Sarasota set forth in Chapter 13, Sarasota City Code as well as Chapter 252, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-3, Sarasota City Code, provides that Emergency Orders issued by the City Manager shall become effective immediately upon issuance and shall be reduced to writing as soon as practical thereafter; and

WHEREAS, this Emergency Order is hereby reduced to writing and will be filed with the City Auditor and Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS BARWIN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING RECITATIONS, HEREBY ISSUE THIS EMERGENCY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

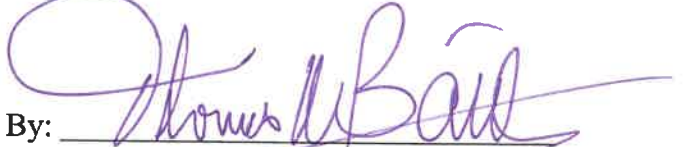
Section 1. In light of the foregoing conditions, I hereby extend the declaration of City-wide Public Health Emergency for an additional period of seven (7) days through April 17, 2020.

Section 2. In light of the foregoing conditions, members of the general public are very strongly urged to wear protective masks when leaving home to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities.

Section 3. As soon as feasible after issuance and filing with the City Auditor and Clerk, this Emergency Order shall be published on the web site of the City of Sarasota.

DONE AND ORDERED this 10th day of April 2020.

CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA

By: 

Thomas Barwin
City Manager